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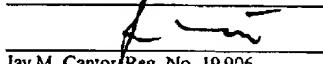
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated July 29, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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REMARKS

Allowable claims 5 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form and should now be allowed along with claims 6 to 21 which depend from claim 5 and claims 29 to 38 which depend from claim 28. Claims 42 and 43 have been allowed. Please charge any costs to Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Claims 1, 4 to 12, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brennen et al. (U.S. 5,329,578) in view of Higuchi et al. (U.S. 2002/0058500) and Chelliah et al. (U.S. 6,711,402).. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

All of the claims except claim 41 require that all of the claimed operations take place at least at the mobile station as opposed to a central or base station as appears to be the case of Brennen et al. This feature permits the subscriber to alter any or all of the claimed features at the mobile station rather than having this function performed at the central or base station and thereby provides the obvious advantages inherent in such capability. In Brennen et al. it is necessary to communicate with the central or base station in order to provide the desired programming whereas the subject invention as claimed allows these functions to be made totally at the mobile station or in combination with the mobile station and another remote location. No such concept is taught or even remotely suggested by Brennen et al. Since not such concept is taught or suggested by Brennen et al., any combination with Brennen et al. that does not teach the operations at the remote station cannot be properly combinable, even were the combination to show that which is claimed, which it does not. There is no teaching or suggestion in any of the references to perform the functions as claimed at the remote station as opposed to the base station.

Claim 44 includes the features of claims 24 and 33, claim 33 having been indicated to be allowable in combination with the claims from which it depends. Also, the arguments presented above with reference to claim 24 are incorporated by reference.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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